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Renata Hesse, Trial Attorncy Antitrust Division Department of Justice Washington, DC

Re: Support of proposed settlement in US vs. Microsoft

Dear Ms. Hesse:

The cost to taxpayers of pursuing Microsoft has run into the tens of millions of dollars. The settlement proposed by the Department of Justice, if accepted, will finally stop this fiscal hemorrhaging.

Our current recession requires that we use all our productive people and resources to get the wheels of commerce turning again. If the federal suit against Microsoft helped precipitate an economic downturn and a slide in the stock market—as some economists have suggested ending the suit might solidify a turnaround and help lead us out of this cycle.

Because national polls reveal that most citizens do not support the case against Microsoft, settlement of this action will send a positive signal that the federal government will let the marketplace work for the people once again.

On behalf of our tens of thousands of supporters across America, we encourage you to accept the settlement against Microsoft.

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